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**PATENT**

**Case No.: 10022/041**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )

Scott R. Sargent )

Serial No.: 09/677,074 )

Filed: September 29, 2000 )

For: BASE SERVICE ARCHITECTURES )  
FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

As a Preliminary Amendment to the above-referenced application, please enter the following. No new matter has been added.